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GUATEMALA U.N. SEAT AND SEEKS CENTAM UNITY AS FIRST STEP

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Classified By: AMBASSADOR PAUL TRIVELLI. REASONS 1.4 (B,D).

(C) On March 7, Foreign Minister Norman Caldera told the Ambassador that the "friends group" idea for promoting Guatemala in its race with Venezuela for a non-permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council has merit and that the GON would be glad to assist as needed. In the GON's view, the first step is to formally secure all Central American support in order to forestall any Rio Group endorsement being engineered by Venezuela. The GON will attempt to secure a Central American declaration in favor of Guatemala at the meeting of the Central American Integration System (SICA) that starts on March 8.
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